

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT LEO EKDAHL, III,

Defendant.

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Case Number: 19-CR-20816

Honorable Thomas L. Ludington  
Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, ACCEPTING  
DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY, AND TAKING THE RULE 11 PLEA  
AGREEMENT UNDER ADVISEMENT**

On October 1, 2020, Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris conducted a plea hearing pursuant to Defendant Robert Leo Ekdahl, III's consent. The Magistrate Judge issued her report on October 5, 2020, recommending that this Court accept Defendant's plea of guilty. ECF No. 54.

Although the Magistrate Judge's report explicitly stated that the parties to this action could object to and seek review of the recommendation within fourteen days of service of the report, neither Plaintiff nor Defendant filed any objections. The failure to file objections waives any right to appeal the Magistrate Judge's findings that Defendant was competent to enter a plea, and that the plea was entered knowingly, voluntarily, without coercion, and with a basis in fact. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985).

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 54, is **ADOPTED**.

It is further **ORDERED** that Defendant's plea of guilty is **ACCEPTED**, and the Rule 11 Plea Agreement, ECF No. 51, is taken **UNDER ADVISEMENT**.

Dated: October 19, 2020

s/Thomas L. Ludington  
THOMAS L. LUDINGTON  
United States District Judge